CLAIM AMENDMENTS:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) A method of consolidating data from multiple spreadsheets comprising:

receiving a selection of a plurality of spreadsheets via a graphical control panel;

receiving, ~~via the graphical control panel,~~ a selection of portions of data from files corresponding to each of ~~said~~ the plurality of spreadsheets;

wherein the portions of data comprise results of a search within the plurality of spreadsheets; and

executing automated consolidation of ~~said~~ the portions of data, wherein the automated consolidation comprises ~~comprising~~:

retrieving ~~said~~ the portions of data;

generating ~~at least one~~ a final report spreadsheet;

appending ~~said~~ the portions of data to ~~said~~ the ~~at least one~~ final report spreadsheet; and

appending information identifying sources of the portions of data to ~~said~~ the ~~at least one~~ final report spreadsheet.

2. (Currently amended) ~~A~~ The method ~~as in~~ of claim 1, wherein the portions of data include ~~further comprising receiving a selection of~~ at least one workbook.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently amended) ~~A~~ The method ~~as in~~ of claim 1, wherein the portions of data include ~~further comprising receiving a selection of~~ at least one worksheet.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently amended) A The method as in of claim 1, wherein receiving a selection of portions of data further comprises receiving, via the graphical control panel, a selection of selecting at least one of rows, columns, cells, tables, filenames, workbook names, worksheet names, and spreadsheet names of at least one file included in corresponding to said the plurality of spreadsheets.

7. (Currently amended) A The method as in of claim 1, wherein receiving a selection of portions of data comprises the results of the search searching comprise results of a search for desired text within said the plurality of spreadsheets.

8. (Currently amended) A The method as in of claim 1, further comprising appending additional data to said at least one the final report spreadsheet, wherein the additional data that is not within said the plurality of spreadsheets.

9. (Currently amended) A The method as in of claim 1, wherein the search comprises further comprising storing a custom search, wherein the custom search enables execution of a predetermined search of one or more selected spreadsheets.

10. (Currently amended) A software program for consolidating data from multiple spreadsheets comprising computer readable medium encoded with computer executable instructions to:

   a spreadsheet selection procedure for receiving receive a selection of a plurality of
       spreadsheets via a graphical control panel;
   a data selection procedure for receiving, via the graphical control panel, receive a
       selection of first desired portions of data from one or more spreadsheets of said
       the plurality of spreadsheets via the graphical control panel;
   a custom search procedure for executing a predefined search to identify second desired
       portions of data from one or more spreadsheets of said the plurality of selected
       spreadsheets via a predefined search; and
   a final report spreadsheet generating procedure for generating generate at least one a final
       report[[,]] comprising appending desired the first and second portions of data
       from said plurality of spreadsheets to said at least one final report, and appending

~~information identifying sources of said desired portions of data to said at least one final report spreadsheet.~~

11. (Canceled)

12. (Currently amended) A ~~Multiple~~ multiple spreadsheet data consolidation system comprising:

a monitor;

a storage device; and

a controller, the controller including ~~for displaying a graphical control panel on said monitor, said graphical control panel comprising: a spreadsheet selection area for receiving a selection of a plurality of spreadsheets wherein said selection includes desired portions of data;~~ a custom search module adapted to execute ~~for executing~~ a predefined search to identify desired portions of data; ~~and~~

wherein the controller is adapted to:

display a graphical control panel on the monitor, the graphical control panel comprising a spreadsheet selection area to receive a selection of a plurality of spreadsheets, ~~wherein the selection includes~~ that include the desired portions of data;

~~said controller generating~~

generate ~~at least one~~ a final report spreadsheet;

~~appending~~ append the ~~said~~ desired portions of data to the ~~said at least one~~ final report spreadsheet[[,]]; and

~~appending~~ append information identifying sources of ~~said~~ the desired portions of data to ~~said at least one~~ the final report spreadsheet.

13. (Currently amended) A The system ~~as in~~ of claim 12, wherein the ~~said~~ spreadsheet selection area comprises a workbook selection area.

14. (Currently amended) A The system ~~as in~~ of claim 13, wherein the ~~said~~ workbook selection area comprises a select all open workbooks selection.

15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently amended) A The system as in of claim 12, wherein the said spreadsheet selection area comprises a worksheet selection area.

17. (Currently amended) A The system as in of claim 16, wherein the said spreadsheet selection area comprises a worksheet subset selector.

18. (Currently amended) A The system as in of claim 12, wherein the graphical control panel further comprising comprises a status indicator.

19. (Currently amended) A The system as in of claim 12, wherein the graphical control panel further comprising comprises an event logger adapted to track for tracking generation of at least one the final report spreadsheet and reporting to report the said tracking to a user during generation of said at least one the final report spreadsheet.

20. (Currently amended) A The system as in of claim 12, wherein the spreadsheet selection area further comprising comprises at least one a window to receive for receiving a the selection of said the plurality of spreadsheets and said at least one portion of each of said selected plurality of spreadsheets.

21. (Currently amended) A The method as in of claim 1, further comprising storing a custom search, wherein the custom search enables execution of a predetermined search without selection of portions of data to be searched.

22. (Currently amended) The computer readable medium of software program as in claim 10, further comprising computer executable instructions to a custom search development procedure to allow a user to define and store the predefined search. custom searches for use by said custom search procedure.

23. (New) The computer readable medium of claim 10, wherein the final report further comprises information identifying sources of the first and second portions of data in the final report.